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Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS

ORIGINAL SERIES

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This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.

Standard Errors

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Donna Maurer on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, OCTOBER 1996

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,185.9	117.2	9.0	73.8	906.1	87.5	8.8	53.9	2,091.9	204.7	8.9	63.6
Melbourne Major SR	867.5	85.5	9.0	75.0	668.6	64.6	8.8	54.9	1,536.1	150.1	8.9	64.7
North Western Melbourne SR	64.2	7.1	10.0	73.7	53.0	6.1	10.3	54.6	117.2	13.2	10.1	63.6
Outer Western Melbourne SR	126.8	17.5	12.2	73.8	87.8	12.0	12.0	49.1	214.6	29.5	12.1	61.2
Inner Melbourne SR	55.5	7.6	12.0	73.7	55.4	3.8	6.5	61.6	111.0	11.4	9.3	67.3
North Eastern Melbourne SR	110.7	15.1	12.0	75.4	78.1	13.1	14.3	52.5	188.8	28.1	13.0	63.7
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	122.9	9.3	7.0	72.2	98.5	6.0	5.8	57.3	221.4	15.3	6.5	64.8
Southern Melbourne SR	103.3	7.9	7.1	74.1	73.5	5.7	7.2	51.1	176.7	13.6	7.1	62.4
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	135.2	8.1	5.6	80.4	111.3	* 2.8	* 2.4	61.1	246.4	10.9	4.2	70.5
South Eastern Melbourne SR	99.0	9.6	8.9	80.6	73.3	10.9	12.9	61.6	172.3	20.5	10.6	71.0
Mornington Peninsula SR	50.0	3.4	6.3	66.0	37.7	4.3	10.2	45.4	87.7	7.6	8.0	55.0
Balance of Victoria Major SR	318.4	31.7	9.1	70.8	237.5	22.9	8.8	51.2	555.9	54.6	8.9	60.9
Barwon-Western District SR	88.7	9.2	9.4	72.5	68.7	7.7	10.1	55.1	157.4	17.0	9.7	63.7
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	45.8	5.0	9.8	66.7	40.3	* 4.2	* 9.4	51.2	86.2	9.2	9.6	58.5
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	56.9	6.7	10.6	68.8	37.4	* 2.6	* 6.5	40.9	94.2	9.3	9.0	54.5
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	75.1	* 3.9	* 5.0	75.4	51.5	* 3.1	* 5.7	55.6	126.6	7.0	5.3	65.8
All Gippsland SR	51.9	6.8	11.6	68.7	39.6	5.2	11.6	51.5	91.5	12.0	11.6	60.0
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	880.9	91.4	9.4	74.5	661.6	62.8	8.7	54.5	1,542.5	154.2	9.1	64.4
Brisbane Major SR	408.0	39.3	8.8	75.7	315.9	30.7	8.9	56.4	723.9	70.0	8.8	65.8
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	103.9	8.5	7.6	75.8	83.3	6.4	7.1	58.8	187.2	14.9	7.4	67.2
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	124.7	8.7	6.5	73.0	98.1	6.9	6.6	55.8	222.8	15.6	6.6	64.3
South and East BSD Balance SR	74.4	9.2	11.0	77.9	50.3	7.9	13.5	55.5	124.8	17.1	12.1	66.9
North and West BSD Balance SR	104.9	12.8	10.9	77.3	84.2	9.5	10.1	55.3	189.1	22.3	10.5	65.7
Balance of Queensland Major SR	472.9	52.1	9.9	73.5	345.8	32.1	8.5	52.9	818.6	84.2	9.3	63.2
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	94.4	12.5	11.7	74.3	75.4	7.2	8.7	55.4	169.8	19.7	10.4	64.7
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	56.0	8.8	13.6	66.2	41.3	5.8	12.4	48.5	97.3	14.6	13.1	57.4
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	51.6	8.4	14.0	68.6	38.1	5.1	11.8	50.4	89.6	13.4	13.0	59.6
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	62.6	5.3	7.9	70.3	41.8	3.1	6.9	48.6	104.4	8.4	7.5	59.7
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	81.9	8.3	9.2	75.3	53.4	4.4	7.5	47.8	135.3	12.6	8.6	61.5
Northern-North West Statistical Region	61.4	4.7	7.1	79.0	44.5	2.6	5.6	55.4	105.9	7.3	6.4	67.1
Far North Statistical Region	65.0	4.1	6.0	81.2	51.3	3.9	7.1	66.0	116.4	8.0	6.5	73.7

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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,604.1	134.9	7.8	72.4	1,215.1	98.1	7.5	52.8	2,819.2	233.0	7.6	62.4
Sydney Major SR	1,037.2	74.3	6.7	74.5	800.4	49.8	5.9	54.6	1,837.6	124.2	6.3	64.4
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	115.4	5.0	4.1	67.9	84.1	* 3.8	* 4.4	54.0	199.5	8.8	4.2	61.2
Inner Sydney SR	72.5	* 2.8	* 3.7	68.3	57.2	* 2.4	* 4.0	59.5	129.7	5.2	3.8	64.1
Eastern Suburbs SR	69.5	* 2.9	* 3.9	74.0	54.9	* 1.6	* 2.8	57.8	124.4	4.4	3.4	65.9
St. George-Sutherland SR	127.8	9.5	6.9	76.2	100.4	3.6	3.4	59.9	228.1	13.0	5.4	68.2
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	78.3	11.8	13.1	73.2	53.9	6.4	10.5	48.7	132.2	18.2	12.1	60.9
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	136.0	15.1	10.0	78.1	92.0	10.0	9.8	51.4	228.0	25.1	9.9	64.6
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	71.9	12.7	15.0	74.5	46.4	5.8	11.1	45.9	118.3	18.5	13.5	60.2
Central Western Sydney SR	61.0	9.1	13.0	68.8	45.9	5.6	10.9	47.7	106.9	14.7	12.1	58.0
Outer Western Sydney SR	81.6	4.6	5.3	81.3	65.2	* 3.3	* 4.8	59.0	146.9	7.9	5.1	69.7
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	93.3	7.0	7.0	77.1	76.9	5.1	6.2	60.2	170.1	12.1	6.6	68.4
Lower Northern Sydney SR	75.4	* 2.5	* 3.2	76.9	73.0	* 1.5	* 2.1	58.0	148.4	* 4.0	* 2.6	66.3
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	63.8	* 2.7	* 4.1	74.3	50.7	* 2.1	* 4.0	51.4	114.6	4.9	4.1	62.1
Northern Beaches SR	67.5	* 1.6	* 2.3	78.1	56.1	2.8	4.8	59.0	123.6	4.4	3.4	68.0
Gosford-Wyong SR	67.7	* 2.7	* 3.8	68.6	47.2	4.1	7.9	47.0	114.9	6.8	5.6	57.5
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	566.8	60.5	9.6	68.9	414.7	48.3	10.4	49.6	981.6	108.8	10.0	59.2
Hunter SR	121.0	13.3	9.9	68.0	88.0	9.0	9.3	47.5	209.0	22.4	9.7	57.6
Newcastle SR Sector	104.9	11.6	10.0	67.3	78.1	8.4	9.7	47.5	183.0	20.0	9.9	57.1
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	137.9	14.2	9.3	68.2	112.7	12.2	9.8	52.3	250.6	26.5	9.6	60.0
Illawarra Statistical Region	95.6	12.3	11.4	67.6	74.6	9.6	11.4	51.4	170.2	21.9	11.4	59.4
Wollongong SR Sector	75.3	9.0	10.6	72.2	55.7	5.7	9.2	51.9	131.1	14.6	10.0	62.0
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	97.6	20.0	17.0	64.3	67.7	13.6	16.7	45.0	165.3	33.7	16.9	54.7
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	128.6	5.2	3.9	71.4	91.1	6.4	6.6	51.2	219.7	11.6	5.0	61.2
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	74.6	6.6	8.2	75.8	50.5	6.2	10.9	54.0	125.1	12.8	9.3	65.0

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	366.9	40.7	10.0	70.4	292.3	27.0	8.5	53.2	659.2	67.7	9.3	61.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	264.5	32.7	11.0	69.7	219.4	20.8	8.7	53.3	483.9	53.5	10.0	61.2
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.7	11.1	11.5	75.6	67.3	7.7	10.2	55.6	152.9	18.8	10.9	65.4
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	46.3	6.5	12.3	62.4	40.7	3.3	7.6	47.5	87.0	9.8	10.2	54.6
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	54.2	5.6	9.3	68.0	44.2	3.0	6.4	53.1	98.4	8.6	8.0	60.5
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	78.3	9.5	10.8	69.7	67.3	6.8	9.2	54.9	145.6	16.3	10.1	62.0
Balance of South Australia Major SR	102.4	8.0	7.3	72.3	72.9	6.2	7.8	53.2	175.3	14.2	7.5	62.9
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	38.3	4.2	9.8	70.2	28.5	* 2.3	* 7.4	53.9	66.8	6.5	8.8	62.3
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	64.1	3.8	5.6	73.7	44.4	3.9	8.1	52.7	108.6	7.7	6.7	63.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	484.0	39.0	7.5	76.1	358.8	26.0	6.8	55.4	842.8	65.1	7.2	65.7
Perth Major Statistical Region	345.8	29.5	7.9	75.0	271.6	18.0	6.2	55.4	617.4	47.5	7.1	65.0
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	42.6	4.2	8.9	72.9	34.4	2.1	5.7	55.6	76.9	6.3	7.5	64.2
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	55.2	4.7	7.8	75.8	39.9	3.1	7.1	53.0	95.1	7.7	7.5	64.2
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	106.3	8.7	7.6	75.7	81.8	5.5	6.3	56.1	188.1	14.2	7.0	65.8
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	64.5	5.5	7.9	71.7	53.4	3.5	6.1	53.6	117.9	9.0	7.1	62.3
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	77.2	6.4	7.6	77.7	62.1	3.9	5.9	57.8	139.3	10.3	6.9	67.5
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	138.2	9.6	6.5	79.0	87.3	8.0	8.4	55.5	225.5	17.6	7.2	67.8
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	72.0	5.7	7.3	77.5	49.2	3.8	7.1	54.1	121.2	9.4	7.2	65.9
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	66.2	3.9	5.6	80.9	38.0	4.3	10.1	57.3	104.2	8.2	7.3	70.0
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	113.7	13.7	10.7	70.2	85.2	9.8	10.4	50.6	198.8	23.5	10.6	60.2
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	56.5	5.9	9.5	70.2	45.0	5.4	10.7	53.6	101.5	11.3	10.0	61.7
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	47.8	4.3	8.3	70.0	38.3	4.4	10.2	54.0	86.0	8.7	9.2	61.7
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.4	4.6	12.4	71.6	23.2	2.7	10.4	49.4	55.6	7.3	11.6	60.5
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.8	3.1	11.2	68.2	17.0	1.8	9.5	45.4	41.8	4.9	10.5	56.7
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	47.0	2.1	4.3	76.6	37.8	1.8	4.6	63.3	84.9	3.9	4.4	70.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	82.4	7.4	8.2	78.3	70.7	5.5	7.2	64.0	153.2	12.9	7.8	71.0
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,764.8	446.3	8.6	73.4	3,627.7	318.6	8.1	53.9	8,392.5	764.9	8.4	63.5

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